

An amended patent application is being submitted with other changes in addition to the insertion of the above referenced paragraph.

No new matter has been added.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The drawings are objected to because the claim features are not shown. Specifically the drawings fail to show the use of a nut and bolt as described in claim 15. The undersigned has cancelled this claim, which makes reference to the nut and bolt, therefore making the objection moot.

A replacement Figure 5 is being submitted to clarify the second embodiment. The replacement figure depicts the use of pins, which are placed through holes on the lower edges of side plates. No new matter has been added by Figure 5.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The examiner has rejected claims 1 through 15 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 because the invention is not clearly and distinctly pointed out. The undersigned has amended the claims to better define the invention.

This device has two solid plates or end plates, a solid plate on the bottom or base member and a top bar. The top bar is inserted under the lip of the tractor blade; most tractor blades are equipped with this top lip.

Angle clips on the sides of the side panels of the device maintain the position of the device against the front surface of

the tractor blade after the top bar is inserted under the top lip of the tractor blade.

At the bottom of each of the end plates is a hole through which a securing means is placed. A securing rod or cotter pins is contemplated. The hole is positioned so that when the securing means is inserted into the hole it will rest against the back surface of the tractor blade. This will provide the necessary means to maintain the position of the device against the front surface of the tractor blade and form the "scoop". When the securing means are removed from the holes the device is simply lifted from the top bar of the tractor blade and stowed.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The examiner has rejected 1, 6, 7, 8, and 13 through 15 as rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Long patent number 4,890,400.

Long discloses a device with the following:

- a. tractor blade;
- b. base member;
- c. top rod;
- d. end plates;
- f. angle clips;
- g. removal securing rod;
- h. cotter pins; and a
- i. means of attachment.

In order to sustain an objection under section 102 each and

every claim limitation must be taught by the prior art.

In the Long device the tractor blade must be physically connected to a rod with a means of attachment. A set of holes must be drilled in the back surface of the tractor blade in order to install the device in Long.

In the present application the top rod of the device is inserted under the lip of the tractor blade and a bottom rod or a set of pins are inserted through a set of holes in the device, not the tractor blade, to secure the device. In the current application the device can be easily removed or installed without making any alteration i.e. drilling holes, to a surface of the tractor blade to attach the device.

The undersigned has amended the specification as well amended the claims to address the other concerns of the examiner.

Additionally, claims 8, 13, and 14 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Fulton patent number 6,336,281. Fulton is a hitch-mounted snowplow and the structure does not serve to form a bucket structure in the front of a tractor blade.

In the present application the device is secured by inserting the top rod over the lip in the tractor blade and a securing rod or a set of pins to secure the bottom surface of the device. There is no connecting structure to the tractor

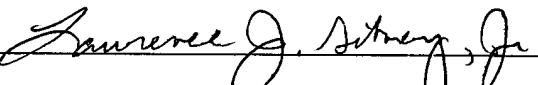
blade. This is a completely different structure than Fulton, which contemplates a long securing member that is fastened to the back of the blade using a means of attachment.


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